

Who Are Watermen...?

They are just what the word says: men and women who make their living from working the Bay and its tributaries year round. The term itself is far older than our history. It is a heritage that came from the Thames River in England during the days of William the Conqueror. At first the men were smugglers given privileges in return for furnishing ships and men to the king. Later many became the backbone of the navy under Charles II, while others returned to fishing, trading or smuggling. When Virginia and Maryland were settled, the term Watermen came to the Chesapeake Bay, the only water in the United States where it is used. In England the word continues to be used among coastal fishermen and bargemen on the Thames River. Here and there, it is a term of respect.

John Frye



MEMBERSHIPS AVAILABLE

Benefits of Membership:

- Free admission to Museum
- Calendar of Events/Newsletter
- Annual Membership Breakfast
- T.G.I.F. Deck Side Summer Socials
- Invitations to seminars & other events
- 20% off Gift Shop Coupons
- Knowledge that you are helping preserve the history of our region for future generations.

Categories:

Deckhand	\$30.00	"Marian J" Crew	\$500.00
Mates (Family)	\$50.00	"Marian Hornsby Bowditch" Society	\$1,000.00
Patent Tonger	\$125.00		
Deadrise Capt'n	\$250.00		



Hours of Operation:

Tuesday - Saturday
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Sunday

1:00-4:00 p.m.

Closed on Mondays

Except Holiday Mondays

Open Daily April 1

Through Thanksgiving.

From Thanksgiving

Until Christmas

Open Only on Weekends

Adults - \$3.00

Students - \$1.00

Group Rates Available

(757) 887-2641

(757) 888-2623 - Gift Shop

Gift Shop Hours Vary Slightly

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Watermen's Museum

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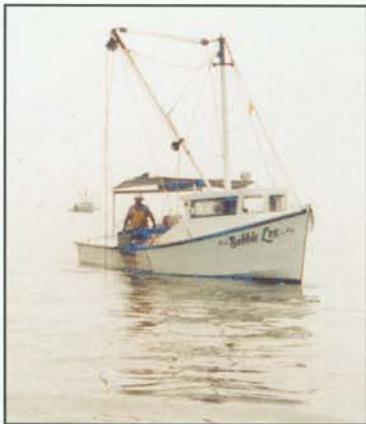
A Tribute to Watermen

The Watermen's Museum

tells the story of Virginia's working Watermen and their families who for generations have harvested the rivers and tributaries of the Chesapeake Bay for its abundant seafood year round.

The First Virginia Watermen

were native American Indians who taught the colonists to fish and set nets. Learn about "Wooden Boats and Iron Men" from Colonial times to present.



*The
Tools
Of
Their
Trade*

Indoor Exhibits include models of work-boats, tools of the trade, nautical artifacts, and paintings and photographs of life on the bay.



Outdoor Exhibits feature a 100 year-old Poquoson 5-log canoe as well as other boats.



Hands-on Educational Programs can be arranged for children, kindergarten through third grade, life-long learning groups and Elderhostel groups.



The Carriage House and Grounds overlook the beautiful York River and provide the ideal setting for weddings, receptions, parties and meetings.

The Gift Shop offers many unique articles related to the Chesapeake Bay and features the work of local craftsmen and artists.

